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1. ADNAN KASHOGGI IS THE NEAREST EXAMPLE SAUDI ARABIA HAS PRODUCED OF A TRUE INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEUR. HIS COMPANY IS AGENT FOR ANUMBER OF MAJOR U.S. CONTRACTORS TO THE SAG MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING RAYTHEON, LOCKHEED, NORTHUP. ALSO REPRESENTS BEECHCRAFT, TELEDYNE, AND TEXAS INSTRUMENTS. HE IS A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE WITHIN THE SAUDI ESTABLISHMENT, VERY CLOSE TO SOME MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY BUT REPUTEDLY DETESTED BY OTHERS.

2. PRINCE MOHAMED BIN FAHED IS A SON OF THE SAG MINISTER OF INTERIOR. HIS COMPANY IS WELL-ESTABLISHED AND ACTIVE, PRIMARILY IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS WORK. WHILE NOT AS PERVASIVE AN ORGANIZATION AS TRIAD, AL-BILAD WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF NOT HAVING AS MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE. ON THE OTHER HAND ITS CLOSEST CONNECTIONS ARE WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND COMMUNICATIONS RATHER THAN DEFENSE.
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